

SENATE BILL 211

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By: **Senators Hooper, Jacobs, and Lawlah**
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Jury Duty - Excuse from Service - Breastfeeding Mother**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a judge to excuse from jury service a mother who is
4 breastfeeding a child under the age of 2 years.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
7 Section 8-210(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2002 Replacement Volume)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 8-210.

14 (a) (1) Any person summoned for jury service may be excused by the jury
15 judge if the person shows that undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, or public
16 necessity require his excuse, but only for the period the jury judge deems necessary.
17 At the conclusion of this period the person shall be summoned again for jury service
18 under the provisions of § 8-208 of this title.

19 (2) A MOTHER WHO IS BREASTFEEDING A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 2
20 YEARS SHALL BE EXCUSED FROM JURY SERVICE BY THE JURY JUDGE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
22 effect October 1, 2003.